

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: B. SUN *et al.*

Application No.: 09/476,189

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Title: A Side Rail Slider Having Improved
Fly Height Control

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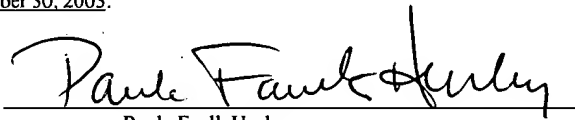
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office action mailed September 30, 2003 (Restriction Requirement only), Applicants hereby elect the Group I claims for prosecution on the merits in this application.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily, kindly amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. Formal drawings sheets are submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.